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FACTS on:

By accelerating the funding, design and construction of eight key Everglades restoration project components, the Everglades ecosystem will experience positive benefits much sooner and in a more cost-effective manner.

- C-43 (Caloosahatchee River) West Reservoir
- Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir A-1 with Bolles Canal Improvements
- Everglades Agricultural Area Stormwater Treatment Area Expansion
- Picayune Strand (Southern Golden Gate Estates) Restoration
- C-44 (St. Lucie Canal) Reservoir/Stormwater Treatment Area
- Water Preserve Areas
- Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands - Phase 1
- C-111 Spreader Canal - Phase 1

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Everglades Agricultural Area Stormwater Treatment Area Expansion

Project Description

This *Acceler8* project will expand the size and enhance the performance of existing stormwater treatment areas created as part of the Everglades Construction Project. These constructed wetlands naturally reduce stormwater runoff pollution levels flowing from the Everglades Agricultural Area before entering the Everglades. This project will add approximately 18,000 acres of additional treatment area to the existing Everglades Agricultural Area Stormwater Treatment Areas (EAA STAs). The expansions are being built in Compartment B, a 9,500-acre parcel of land located in southern Palm Beach County, and Compartment C, an 8,800-acre parcel of land located in eastern Hendry County.

The first phase of implementation is the EAA STA Initial Expansion Projects. It involves expanding STA-2 into Compartment B and expanding STA-5 and STA-6 into Compartment C. The second phase of implementation, the EAA STA Build-out Projects, involves STA construction in the remaining areas of Compartment B and Compartment C.

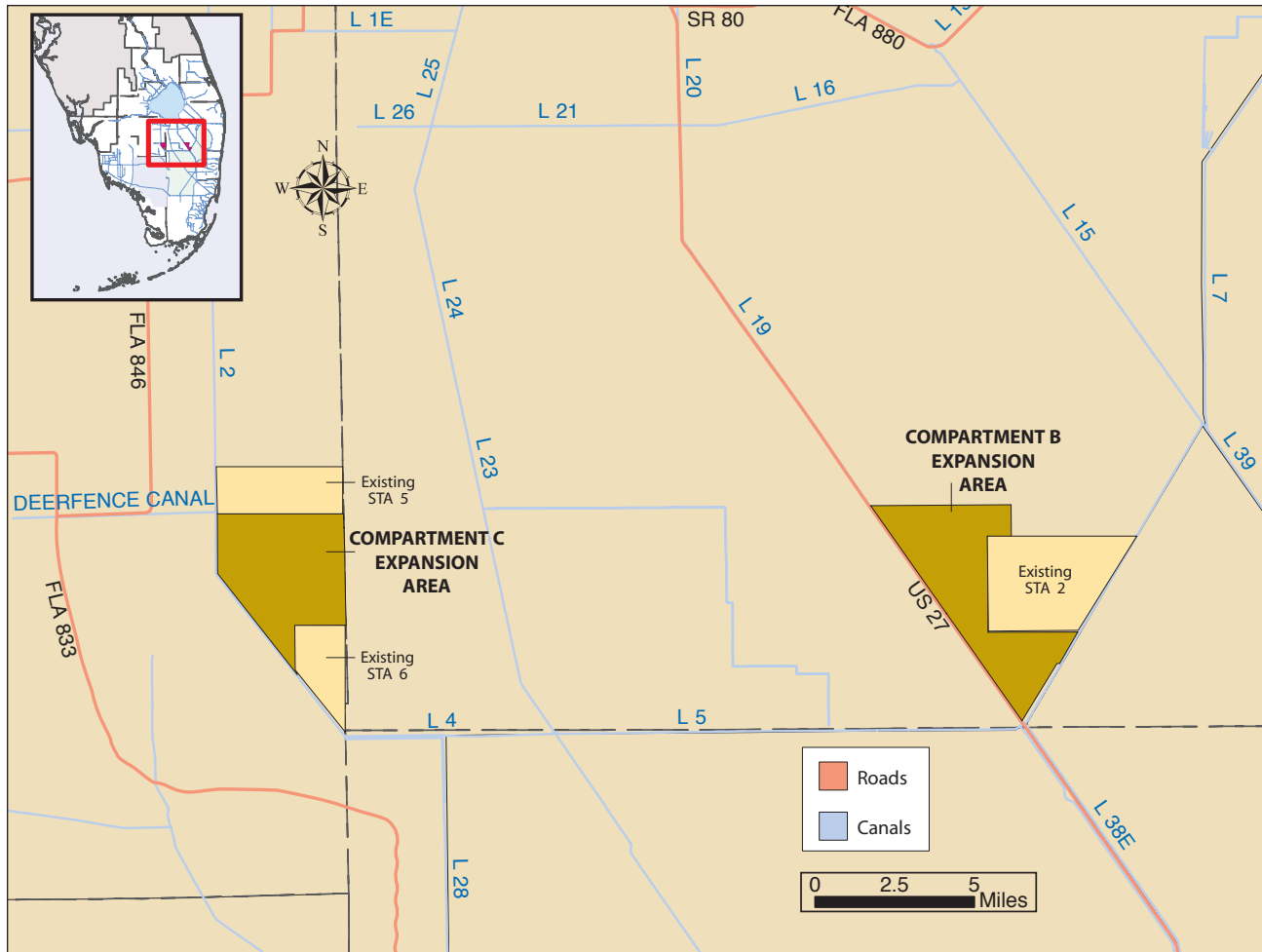
Project and Benefits

- Further reduce phosphorus levels and help achieve state water quality standards for the Everglades
- Improve existing STAs' ability to remove pollutants prior to discharge into the Everglades
- Provide operational flexibility for directing flows to optimize STA performance in improving water quality entering the Everglades
- Provide public access and recreational opportunities

Project Status

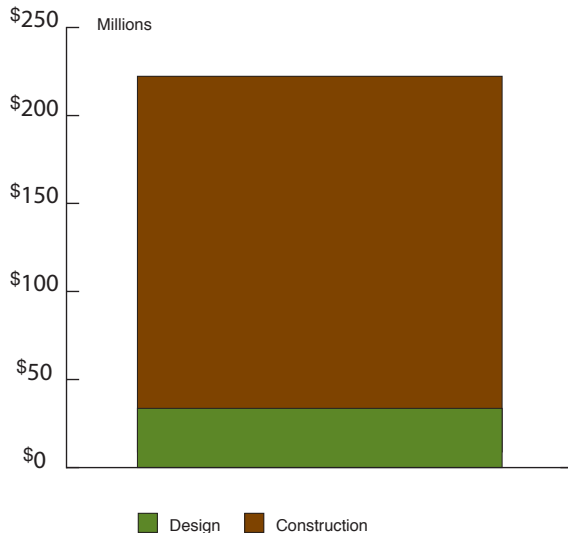
Construction of the EAA STA Initial Expansion Projects is currently under way. Surveys and technical evaluations for the EAA STA Build-out Projects are also under way, with design of project components to follow.

Real Estate: 100% acquired.



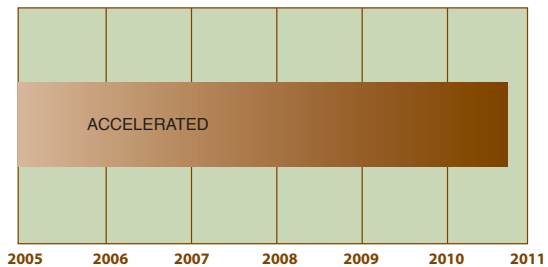
Located in Hendry and Palm Beach counties, this Acceler8 project will expand STA-2 and STA-5 to further reduce phosphorus levels and help achieve state water quality standards for the Everglades.

Project Cost



Estimated Annual Operating Cost: \$3.9 million per year

Project Timeline



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